

INDIANS AS MAGICIANS.

Some Stories of the Remarkable Cleverness of the Arickarees.

"The greatest magicians I have ever seen," said Dr. Washington Matthews of the army, "the most expert in legerdemain, were the Arickaree Indians, who in my time—in 1865—lived at Fort Berthold, in what is now North Dakota. In the autumn of that year, when the harvest was done and before they went out upon their winter hunt, weeks and months were spent in ceremonies of all kinds, picturesque and symbolic dances, the celebrations and anniversaries of secret societies, etc., among not only the men, but the women and the little children.

"Events of this kind occurred every day and every night. They had in the center of their village a great medicine lodge, probably 90 feet in diameter, circular in form. In it they had performances every night, and we idle white men, who had nothing else to do, visited these performances more regularly than we would visit the theaters in a city. It was a place of resort with us every night. Part of the lodge was fenced off for the audience and the rest reserved for the performers. In addition to songs and dances, they had exhibitions of legerdemain. They thought of all their tricks, for years have rolled by since then. Making little wooden images smoke pipes, putting a stuffed bird on the end of a stick and making it chirp, were among the most amusing. The last trick was probably performed by the use of a reed in the mouth of one of the magicians.

"The fire dance was one of their most interesting performances. They would build a tremendous fire, dance around it, and at a certain point the men would break out and rush into the roaring flames, dance in them and throw the embers madly into the air. It was then time for us to rush out ourselves, because we might be struck by some of the flying brands. Apparently they went into the fire barefooted and barelegged. They were nothing but breechcloths.

"Night after night they had something new. Another trick was apparently to run a knife through a man's arm and let the blood rush out. They would entertain us for hours with songs and dances. No admission fee was charged, but we frequently made them presents."

"What is the greatest trick you have ever seen among the Navajoes?"

"The growth of the corn is a very pretty trick. It takes place at night by the uncertain light of the fire, which confuses the eye of the spectator. A party of Indians come in and dance, bearing nothing apparently about them. They form a ring, singing and dancing. The ring opens, and there you see growing out of the bare ground of the corral a small plant. They sing awhile, and the ring closes again. When it opens a second time, the yucca bacata plant is noticed. In Indian rites everything goes by fours. It is their sacred number, as three and seven are sacred numbers with us. There are four acts in the rite. The second is the plant in bud. The third is the plant in flower. The ring closes again, and when it opens there is the fruit, with great beans six inches long hanging to it. The explanation is that they bring into the enclosure with them the various parts of the plant, which they deftly place in proper position while the ring is closed during the incantations.

"They use their blankets to cover the work. For rude people like them, with poor instruments, in the days when they had flint knives, it must have been a great task to prepare for this trick. Our wax workers and toy-makers would not find it difficult. The Indians in the audience believe the dancers to be gifted with supernatural power. The performance is partly religious worship and partly amusement. It is partly with a view of making abundant food and partly for entertainment."—Chicago Record.

Buttermilk as a Medicine.

Long experience has demonstrated buttermilk to be an agent of superior digestibility. It is indeed a true milk peptonizer—that is, milk already partially digested, the coagulation of the coagulable portion being loose and flaky and not of that firm, indigestible nature which is the result of the action of the gastric juice upon sweet cow's milk. It is a decided laxative, a fact which must be borne in mind in the treatment of typhoid fever and which may be turned to advantage in the treatment of habitual constipation. It is a diuretic and may be used to advantage in some kidney troubles. It resembles koumiss in its nature, and, with the exception of that article, it is the most grateful, refreshing and digestible of the products of milk. It is invaluable in the treatment of diabetes, either exclusively or alternating with skimmilk. In some cases of gastric ulcer and cancer of the stomach, it is the only food that can be retained.—Elgin Dairy Report.

The Peril of the Suburbanite.

Every year the bulk of city men go farther afield and each morning and night perform their tedious pilgrimages to and from the scene of their busy labors. There can be no doubt that constant railway traveling of this kind is calculated, sooner or later, to play havoc with the soundest constitution.

While it is, of course, impossible to lay down any exact rule, it may be stated generally that no such daily railway journey should be much over an hour in length, a space of time that is far more than enough to carry the citizen into pure air and the most sylvan of scenery. As every medical man of any experience can testify, the attempt to burn a candle at both ends, one in the city and the other 40 or 100 miles away at the seaside, has cut off many a valuable life in the flower of its maturing manhood.—Medical Press.

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The One Day Cold Cure.
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One Man's Scheme.

An enterprising young man has discovered a plan for making a living that is absolutely original. He has rented rooms in a downtown building. In these rooms are lockers, dressing rooms, a barber shop, bathrooms and a bootblack stand. The establishment is intended for the convenience of business men who are in a hurry to keep evening engagements. The idea is to have the business man send his dress suit to the enterprising young man in the morning. The E. Y. M. presses, cleans and repairs the clothes and hangs them up in a locker.

Late in the afternoon the business man in a hurry rushes in, takes a bath, a shave and a shine; thrusts his suit into his dress suit, throws his business suit into the locker and is off to Brooklyn, Hoboken or Boston to keep an engagement with the least possible loss of time. After he is gone the E. Y. M. gathers up the everyday clothes of the business man in a hurry and sends them to his home, ready for him to repeat the process on the following day.

This enterprise is destined to save many needless hours of street car travel and much wear and tear of temper due to enforced haste.—New York Mail and Express.

Pork and Beans.

Experience has taught us, and the experiments of Professor Atwater have proved, the practical value of certain food combinations. Bread and meat go well together. The Scotchman's oat meal and herring, both rich in protein, in connection with his coarse flour and potatoes supply the needed elements in something like the right proportion. Pork and beans balance each other well, because the former is rich and fat, while the latter consists almost entirely of protein and carbohydrates.

In certain sections of the country, among the rural population, a staple supper dish is corned mush and milk. The users may not know it, but this is one of the best and most economical foods it is possible to find. It is eaten because it is cheap, but it is well to know that it is also good.

While experience has been an accurate guide in causing us to adopt certain dishes, it has misled us in regard to others. For example, the "hog and hominy" diet so general among the poorer classes of the south and southwest is ill balanced and deficient in strengthening power. It contains too little protein and too much fat. White potatoes offer the opposite objection.

The New Evolution.

"Have you noticed that the pretty girls are the ones who get seats in the cars, and that the unhandsome ones generally have to stand up?" asked the man who doesn't know whether he had rather be Schopenhauer or Mark Twain.

"Yes. But what of it? I don't quite understand what you are driving at."

"Well, you may not know it, but that evolution is going to bring about the salvation of the race."

"Oh, I know. The women are beginning to take a decided stand on matters and a more elevated point of view."

"Don't be an idiot. I'm in earnest. You know the law about the survival of the fittest and the process of evolution. Well, it is evident that the only way in which an unhandsome lady can get a seat will be to grow handsome. Now this will have its effect on the third and fourth generations, and finally all our women will be beauties and able to get two seats in the cars if they want them. They simply have to get handsome, or they won't get a chance to sit down."—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Marvelous Pigeon Flights.

Pigeons have flown from Nantes to Lanchashire, 440 miles, in a single day; and they have flown from the Shetlands to London in one spell of daylight. In June, 1897, the winner of such a race flew from Lerwick to Stanmore, 101 miles and 1,220 yards, and made a record for long distance flying. It was liberated at 3:30 a. m. and reached its loft at 7:22 in the evening. In 1872 Mr. Tegetmeier, the great authority on pigeons, got some friends to send him 200 birds from Brussels. They were tossed at the Crystal Palace at noon, and a telegram was sent off announcing the time at which they were released. The birds reached their loft before the message was delivered. These facts afford ample proof of the marvelous powers of endurance of the birds.—London Standard.

Frightful.

Mary Alden had lived all her 15 years in the country, far removed from railroads, and when her father accepted a position in the machine shops of the great railroad corporation at G., and settled his family in a house overlooking the switchyards, her life was filled with terror.

On the first occasion of her crossing the yards, a long train of cars was being disconnected and distributed. To her horror, she heard a man at one end shout to another, "Never mind that jumper! You can't wait. Cut her down two, and throw the third end down here."

Mary fainted.—Youth's Companion.

Squelched.

"Your hair is getting thin, sir," said a local barber to a customer the other afternoon.

"Yes," replied the gentleman addressed. "I've been treating it with antifer. I never liked stout hair."

"But you really should put something on it," persisted the tonsorial artist in a most earnest manner.

"I do every morning," returned the customer.

"May I ask what?" inquired the barber.

"My hat," said the patron. Thereafter was silence.—Freeport Journal.

J. D. Bridges, Editor "Democrat," Lancaster, N. H., says, "One Minute Cough Cure is the best remedy for croup I ever used." Immediately relieves and cures coughs, colds, croup, asthma, pneumonia, bronchitis, grippe and all lung and throat troubles. It prevents consumption. W. Richardson.

William Sturgeon, who lived near Point Pleasant, West Va., died last week, aged 108 years. Six months ago he ordered his own coffin, which was made and brought to his home. It was a painted pine box, as plain as it could be made. He left a large estate, mostly in real estate.

Vanity of Canary Birds.

"Do you know," said an observant gentleman, "that, barring a man and a peacock, I believe a canary bird is the vainest of all creatures? Both my wife and myself are very fond of pets, and we keep several of these little songsters always in the house. One of the cages was an old affair, which had been in the family for years, and was used as much for tradition's sake as for economy's sake. I had frequently remarked to my wife that I believed the occupant of this cage was somewhat ashamed of his shabby dwelling place and observed with envious eyes the fact that the other songsters were more artistically lodged.

"Well, the old cage finally collapsed, and it became necessary to purchase a new one. In order to test my belief in the intelligence of my feathered friend I made it a point to get him the prettiest little brass house I could find. The effect was magical. No sooner was he turned into his new home than he began to sing as he had never sung before, completely drowning out the music of the other birds and behaving otherwise in a manner altogether becoming his sudden rise in life. No proud parrot coming unexpectedly into an inheritance of great riches could more gracefully have assumed a greater degree of vanity."—Memphis Scimitar.

Choosing a Wife For Her Teeth.

One of the most curious and interesting of bridal customs among the Eskimos is the practice of choosing a bride, not for her face, her figure or her fortune, but for the excellence and strength of her teeth.

Up in the polar circle, where a man's blood freezes and parts of him drop off at the touch of the icy blast, it is a difficult matter to keep the untanned skins from hardening and cracking. There is only one process known to the Eskimo, that of chewing. It is necessary to perform this operation every two or three months, and it is a part of the wives' duties. It is for that reason that an Eskimo selects his future helpmate for the size of their teeth and the strength of their jaws. Of course one wife cannot attend to all the skins, and so sometimes an Eskimo has as many as ten loving helpmates.

Wives are bought, sold and exchanged among the Eskimos. The price fluctuates like that of wheat or corn or stocks on Wall Street. A father with a growing daughter will be approached by a neighbor and offered one, two or three dogs for her, according to her maxillary powers. Sometimes a blue foxskin or a dozen strips of blubber may enter into the bargain, but dogs are generally the factor used.—San Francisco Examiner.

Dr. H. H. Haden, Summit, Ala., says, "I think Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is a splendid medicine. I prescribe it, and my confidence in it grows with continued use." It digests what you eat and quickly cures dyspepsia and indigestion. W. Richardson.

"I had dyspepsia fifty-seven years and never found permanent relief until I used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. Now I am well and feel like a new man," writes S. S. Fleming, Murray, Neb. It is the best digestant known. Cures all forms of indigestion. Physicians everywhere prescribe it. W. Richardson.

WHERE LADYSMITH GOT ITS NAME.

—There has been a great deal of joking about the odd name of the place where Sir William White's English troops have been doing battle. As a matter of fact, Ladysmith got its name from a woman. This was the wife of Gen. Sir Harry Smith, whose marriage, by the way, was one of the romances of the Peninsula War. At that time two young British officers in a Spanish town, which had just been occupied by an English force, were surprised by a visit from two very young and beautiful Spanish girls of the better class. These fair callers begged protection in the alarming circumstances in which they had been placed by the occupation of the rougher soldiery. Their request was, of course, gallantly granted, and in a short time one of the officers, Captain Smith, found himself desperately in love. In due time he married the woman whom he had protected. The marriage proved a happy one.

Dr. W. W. Wixon, Italy Hill, N. Y., says, "I heartily recommend One Minute Cure. It gave my wife immediate relief in suffocating asthma." Pleasant to take. Never fails to quickly cure all coughs, colds, throat and lung troubles. W. Richardson.

The One Day Cold Cure.

For cold in the head and sore throat use Kermott's Chocolate Laxative Quinine, the "One Day Cold Cure." W. Richardson.

The annual report of the adjutant general of the army, General Corbin, was made public yesterday. General Corbin sums up the military forces now in the service of the United States as: Regular Army, 64,586; volunteers, 34,547; total, 99,160. It is expected that by December 1 there will be sixty-five thousand men in the Philippines. During the year six thousand colored men have been enlisted. As the increase in the army calls for an additional number of military academy cadets to fill vacancies, it is recommended that the President be authorized to appoint 10 annually, and that two be appointed at large from each State.

Geo. Noland, Rockland, O., says, "My wife had piles forty years. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured her. It is the best salve in America." It heals everything and cures all skin diseases. W. Richardson.

A terrific explosion of flour dust in the New England Mills, Chicago, last week, resulted in the probable death of four persons and the destruction of \$200,000 worth of property. In all five buildings were wrecked by the explosion or demolished by the wall falling on adjoining buildings. All five of the buildings were completely destroyed, either by explosion, collapse, falling walls, or fire. There were several persons slightly hurt, but none of the injured was killed.

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The spirit of lynching negroes is expanding, and it seems to have taken an abiding place even in Kansas, John Brown's own State, where a negro accused, not of outraging and murdering a white girl or woman, but of shooting a barkeeper, was taken out of a safe jail and hanged.

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